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2 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
3 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**
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5 RODERICO LECOUNT YATES,
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7 Plaintiff,
8 v.
9 DIRECTOR OF NURSING HDSP, *et al.*,
10 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-02008-CDS-NJK

Order Setting Response Deadline
(Docket No. 40)

11 This is a civil-rights lawsuit by state prisoner Roderico Yates. The Court has entered orders
12 screening Plaintiff's second amended complaint, allowing an Eighth Amendment medical-
13 indifference claim to proceed, staying this action for 90 days with limited exceptions, and referring
14 it to the Court's inmate mediation program. Docket Nos. 32, 37. Plaintiff filed a motion stating
15 that his "legal and communication skills are very low" and asking that inmate Richard Iden,
16 #72954, be allowed to "accompany" him to the mediation scheduled for April 4, 2025. Docket
17 No. 40. Non-attorney individuals cannot represent or advise Plaintiff during the mediation
18 conference. However, because Plaintiff raises his ability to communicate as a potential issue for
19 the conference, the Court will provide Interested Party Nevada Department of Corrections
20 ("NDOC") an opportunity to respond to Plaintiff's motion if it wishes to do so.

21 Accordingly, for the reasons stated above,

22 IT IS ORDERED that, no later than **March 20, 2025**, NDOC may file a response to
23 Plaintiff's motion seeking to have an inmate helper present during the mediation conference.
24 Docket No. 40. Plaintiff may **not** file a reply.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: March 13, 2025

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NANCY J. KOPPE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE